

BOARD OF FINANCE

May 21, 2008

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Members Present: First Selectman McCarty, Mr. Doheny, Mr. Volain, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Piccirillo, Ms. Brown, Mr. Monico

Also Present: Assistant Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members or distributed at the time.

1. Agenda – May , 2008
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2008
3. April 30, 2008 - Report of Budget/Overexpenditures/Special Funds
 - Report of Revenue
 - Board of Education Accounting
4. FY 08-09 Budget dated April 23, 2008
5. Year to Date Revenue by Category, FY 07-08
6. 2007 Grand List dated May 21, 2008

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 16, 2008, First Selectman McCarty moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Hallahan.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		

OLD BUSINESS

TAX COLLECTOR'S SUSPENSE LIST

The Tax Collector has not completed the suspense list. He will have it available at the next meeting of the Board of Finance.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr. Swinkoski said that the firm of McGladrey & Pullen was appointed by the Board of Finance on June 20, 2007, to audit the Town records for the fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009. We are in the second year of the contract and according to the Town Charter the Board of Finance has to officially appoint an auditor each year.

Mr. Volain made a motion to continue with our second year of the contract.

Seconded by Ms. McCarty.

Mr. Doheny amended the motion to read that the Town continue with our second year of the contract with McGladrey & Pullen.

Seconded by Mr. Piccirillo

VOTE: Doheny - Yes Volain - Yes Hallahan - Yes
 Brown - Yes Piccirillo - Yes Monico - Yes
 McCarty - Yes

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF BUDGET/OVEREXPENDITURES/SPECIAL FUNDS, REVENUE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTING APRIL 30, 2008

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of April were at 100.1%. Mr. Swinkoski reviewed the overexpenditure report in detail. Further discussion followed. The reports were accepted as presented.

OTHER

Mr. Volain discussed a memo received from Mr. Wechsler questioning the Board's review of budget overexpenditures. Mr. Volain stated that it was beyond his legal expertise and recommended that it be referred to the Town Attorney. The Board members agreed.

First Selectman McCarty stated that the Board of Selectmen is in the process of forming an IT Strategic 5 Year Planning Committee. Ms. Brown volunteered to be a member of this committee as the Board of Finance's representative.

FY 2008-2009 BUDGET – SET THE MILL RATE

Mr. Volain stated that the budget passed by 75 votes at the referendum held on May 20, 2008.

Mr. Piccirillo then moved that the Mill Rate for FY 2008-2009 be set at 23.50 mills at a collection rate of 97.5%. Seconded by Mr. Doheny.

VOTE: Doheny - Yes Volain - Yes Hallahan - Yes
 Brown - Yes Piccirillo - Yes Monico - Yes
 McCarty – Yes

OTHER

Mr. Doheny then discussed an incident that occurred regarding an FOI Complaint that was filed against the Board of Finance. On May 8th the Town Attorney called Mr. Doheny and requested that he attend a hearing on May 12th. Before Mr. Doheny could respond to this request, he had to check with his employer. A few hours later, Mr. Doheny received a phone call from a colleague at another bank branch who indicated that a sheriff was looking for him to serve a subpoena. At this point, Mr. Doheny did not even have a chance to call the Town Attorney back to let him know if he could attend the hearing. Mr. Doheny felt that he did not receive proper advance notice and that the subpoena was unnecessary. He asked the First Selectman to talk with our Town Attorney so that in the future this does not happen. First Selectman McCarty said she would discuss the matter with the Town Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 50 minutes with several residents asking questions and making recommendations/suggestions.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Volain moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, seconded by First Selectman McCarty.

VOTE:	Doheny - Yes	Volain - Yes	Hallahan - Yes
	Brown - Yes	Piccirillo - Yes	Monico - Yes
	McCarty - Yes		